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FCC Seeks Comment on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Report "An Assessment of the Viability of Accommodating Advanced Mobile Wireless (3G)

Systems in the 1710-1770 MHz and 2110-2170 MHz Bands."

(ET Docket No. 00-258)

Comment Date: August 8, 2002

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeks comment on the final report, "An Assessment of the Viability of Accommodating Advanced Mobile Wireless (3G) Systems in the 1710-1770 MHz and 2110-2170 MHz Bands" released by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on July 23, 2002 ("NTIA Report"). This report has also been incorporated into the record of the Commission's Advanced Wireless Services proceeding in ET Docket No. 00-258 and is available on NTIA's web site: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/.

The *NTIA Report* was prepared by the NTIA, in cooperation with the FCC, Department of Defense (DOD), and other federal agencies, and explores the viability of making all or a portion of the 1710-1770 MHz and 2110-2170 MHz bands available for advanced wireless services. The *NTIA Report* sets forth a plan for the reallocation of 90 MHz for advanced wireless services consisting of 45 megahertz from the 1710-1755 MHz band and 45 megahertz from within the 2110-2170 MHz band.

We hereby solicit comment by **August 8, 2002** on issues addressed in the *NTIA Report*. Comments should be filed in **ET Docket No. 00-258**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) as an electronic file via the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and ET Docket No. 00-258. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To obtain filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Additional information on ECFS is available at http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html.

Filings may also be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand

deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

An additional copy should be submitted to Jamison Prime of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology. This copy may be sent in accordance with the procedures outlined above and addressed to Jamison Prime, Room 4-A734, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554 or via email jprime@fcc.gov.

The *NTIA Report* is available at the NTIA's Internet website (http://www.ntia.doc.gov/), the FCC's 3G website (http://www.fcc.gov/3G/), as part of the record in ET Docket No. 00-258 (accessible via ECFS), and for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St., S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations, and not merely a one or two sentence description. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303(r); and pursuant to Sections 0.31 and 0.241 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.31 and 0.241.

For further information, contact Jamison Prime, Office of Engineering and Technology, 202-418-7474 (iprime@fcc.gov).

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